

Sizzling Starts



1. Begin with Action

*Five, four, three, two, ONE! The
cameras were rolling and as
about to eat a cockroach!*

2. Make the reader curious

The beach house was great, but then my cousins arrived with the bag of bricks and wearing their usual beanies.

3. Dialogue

It's just a rat,' I said, breathing hard.

'Rats don't growl,' said Mike

4. Humour

Ever cheered for your footy team with a pie in one hand and a drink in the other? Don't. When that final goal happened, I wore both.

5. A moment of change

All was going well on the hike until a heat wave happened. I was hot and tired and dying for a swim. Then I saw the sign. And the sign: Warning! Crocodiles.

6. Onomatopoeia

“Ssssssss....” The sound was **coming closer**. I slowly placed **ear against the wall**. Could it **be Big Ben**, out of his enclosure?

NARRATIVES

Once there was a Tooth Fairy with a bad temper. She always went out and ...

What's wrong with this introduction?

- Too short
- Not engaging
- Starts with the usual 'Once...'
- No speech or moment of change

What is it supposed to look like?

*‘Whaaaaaat... Is that the Tooth Fairy?’ the
little kid in the bed muttered.
‘No!’ said the Tooth Fairy. ‘Be quiet,
and keep your eyes shut or you’ll get
no money for your tooth.’* It was her
*104th visit for the night and her
wings hurt and she was definitely
over eager little kids.*

EXPOSITION

*I think ghosts do exist. One
family were staying in a house
and it felt really creepy...*

What's wrong with this introduction?

- Too short
- Not engaging
- Starts with the usual 'I think...'
- No rhetorical questions

What is it supposed to look like?

*thought about it until
stayed in the Glendowne
a swimming pool and a large
TV – and a cold, cold feeling that
seeped into you every time
walked into the room. We
heater up to full, but no heat
was only later we found out the
mayor of Glendowne had been
murdered in the room just two
before...*

Your turn! Choose one from below and write a sizzling start for a n

- Almost getting caught
- It's not fair
- My Grandparents are not who they say they are
- A holiday that stinks
- A fight with my

Your turn! Choose one from below and write a sizzling start for a persuasive **text**:

- Weekends should be longer
- Why I should get more pocket money
- Should parents always tell the truth to their children?
- Mornings are better than evenings
- If only I had











